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REMARKS

Per yesterday's telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the present amendment adds limitations that track later-added limitations in this application's parent (divisional) application S.N. 11/049,574, narrowing the scope of this case to embodiments in which the voltage of the system is held low during current-modulation based talkback from slave devices.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the independent claims are allowable over the prior art of record, which is not understood to teach or suggest the following combined limitations in each of the claims: a) holding the voltage of the system low during current-modulation based talkback, and b) receiving talkback compensated according to a periodically measured baseline level.

The undersigned again thanks the Examiner for his accommodation in facilitating prosecution through telephone communication when useful.

Respectfully submitted,

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